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**BOWLING GREEN BARBER PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG TRAFFICKING  
AT FADZ 4 DAYZ BARBER SHOP**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on November 8, 2006, **JEROME SHANKLIN**, age 33, of 1721 O'Shea Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, **plead guilty** to conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, conspiring to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, conspiring to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine and conspiring to distribute marijuana. **Shanklin also plead guilty** to 20 substantive counts of trafficking in crack cocaine, cocaine, and marijuana.

**Shanklin** faces a maximum sentence of life, a \$29,500,000 fine, and up to life on supervised release following the completion of his prison sentence. Additionally, **Shanklin** faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten (10) years as well as a mandatory minimum period of supervised release of no less than five (5) years.

**Shanklin's** guilty plea is the result of a year long investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Bowling Green / Warren County Drug Task Force, the Kentucky State Police, the Warren County Sheriff's Office, the Western Kentucky University Police Department and the Bowling Green Police Department. The investigation centered around drug trafficking activity emanating from the Fadz 4 Dayz Barber Shop located at 2319 Russellville

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Road, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, law enforcement received information from several sources that large quantities of drugs were being distributed from Fadz 4 Dayz. Law enforcement began physical surveillance of the Fadz 4 Dayz in the Spring of 2005. They observed drug trafficking activity. Beginning in June 2005, numerous purchases of cocaine and crack cocaine were made inside the Fadz 4 Dayz shop. Electronic surveillance established outside the Fadz 4 Dayz shop was able to capture other drug transactions occurring at the shop. In January 2006, a court-authorized audio and video interception device was installed inside Fadz 4 Dayz which captured drug transactions occurring inside the barber shop.

**Shanklin** admitted in court that he operated Fadz 4 Dayz Barber Shop in Bowling Green, Kentucky. **Shanklin** admitted that between June 1, 2003 and February 17, 2006, he conspired with others to manufacture over 50 grams of crack cocaine, to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine, to distribute over 5 kilograms of cocaine, and to distribute marijuana in and around Bowling Green, Kentucky. Specifically, **Shanklin** stated that he began acquiring cocaine and crack cocaine from Richard Cox after Cox began working at the barber shop. **Shanklin** acquired cocaine and crack cocaine from Cox in order to sell it. **Shanklin** also acknowledged that he acquired large quantities of cocaine (1/2 kilogram) on at least three occasions directly from Cox's drug supplier. **Shanklin** admitted to distributing this cocaine to drug dealers living in and around Hopkinsville, Kentucky. **Shanklin** also acknowledged that he routinely obtained marijuana from another co-conspirator for the purpose of distributing in and around Bowling Green.

Additionally, **Shanklin** admitted to selling cocaine or crack cocaine at Fadz 4 Dayz on seventeen different occasions from May 31, 2005 to February 8, 2006. **Shanklin** further admitted

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to possessing marijuana and cocaine at Fadz 4 Dayz with the intent to distribute it during this same

time frame.

Previously, **Shanklin's** co-conspirators, Richard Cox, Colin Carpenter and William Downey, plead guilty in connection with this investigation. Cox, Carpenter and Downey are awaiting sentencing. A sentencing date is not currently set.

**Shanklin's** sentencing is currently set for February 5, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. in United States District Court in Bowling Green before the Honorable Thomas B. Russell.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Bowling Green / Warren County Drug Task Force, the Kentucky State Police, the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Western Kentucky University Police Department and the Bowling Green Police Department.

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